

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

With reference to the Notification of Missing
Requirements, it is believed that item 2 was marked in
error and that item 5 was intended to be marked since
item 1 indicates that the oath/declaration has been
received (that oath/declaration having been submitted
January 5, 2001).

The specification has been amended to include the Sequence Listing submitted herewith on separate sheets. Entry of the Sequence Listing does not raise the issue of new matter as the sequence information contained therein is presented in the application as originally filed. The computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith is the same as the attached paper copy of that Listing.



An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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